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Dear 96AF Permit Holder:

The new general discharge permit (the "new Discharge Permit") for animal feeding operations will become effective on December 1, 2009. According to Part IIIA(1)(a) of the new Discharge Permit, those Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) currently registered by the Maryland Department of the Environment ("the Department") under the 1996 general permit must submit to the Department a Notice of Intent (NOI) and a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) by February 1, 2010.

If you submit a NOI and a CNMP on or before February 1, 2010, your 1996 general permit will remain in force until the Department makes a determination regarding your registration under the new General Permit. If you do not have a CNMP, a CNMP Status Form should be sent with the NOI by February 1, 2010. If you submit a NOI and a CNMP or CNMP Status Form on or before February 1, 2010, your 1996 general discharge permit will remain in force until the Department makes a determination regarding your registration under the new general discharge permit. Compliance with the 1996 general permit must continue until you are registered under the General Permit. Once you are registered under the new General Permit, your coverage under the 1996 general permit will be terminated and coverage under the new General Permit will start.

A copy of the NOI form is enclosed for your use. The NOI form is also available on the Department's website ([www.mde.state.md.us](http://www.mde.state.md.us)).

If you do not have a CNMP, please fill out a CNMP Status Form which is also on the Department's website ([www.mde.state.md.us](http://www.mde.state.md.us)) or contact the Department at the number below and one will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-537-4423 or [gkelman@mde.state.md.us](mailto:gkelman@mde.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

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CAFO Unit

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Enclosures

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